



STATE OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 30, 2019

The Honorable Karen Fann  
Senate President  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1164 (ombudsman-citizens aide; executive session; access)

Dear President Fann:

Today, I vetoed S.B. 1164.

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.06 vests the power to investigate and enforce open meeting law violations with the attorney general and the county attorneys.

There is no evidence suggesting that the attorney general or the county attorneys are not faithfully executing their statutorily mandated duties. These are duly elected constitutional officers and I trust they will continue to hold our government accountable. As such, this bill is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas A. Ducey". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "D" and "A".

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Rusty Bowers  
The Honorable David Farnsworth  
The Honorable Katie Hobbs

Senate Engrossed

State of Arizona  
Senate  
Fifty-fourth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2019

# SENATE BILL 1164

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 38-431.03, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Passed the House April 23, 2019,

by the following vote: 57 Ayes,

2 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Bowers  
Speaker of the House

Jim Drake  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 14, 2019,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Hawes-Tarn  
President of the Senate

Susan Owens  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019,

at 11:37 o'clock A M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

**VETO**

Governor of Arizona

S.B. 1164

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State